

DIAA Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, May 11, 2017– 9:00 a. m.  
John W. Collette Education Resource Center

I. Opening

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a. m. by Chairperson Dr. Bradley Layfield.

B. Roll Call

The following DIAA Board members were present: Dr. Bradley Layfield, Stan Waterman, Susanne Williams, Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald, Dr. Mark Holodick, Dr. Evelyn Edney, Ted Laws, Robert Watson, Mike Hart, Robert Cilento, Bruce Harris, Dr. Matthew Donovan, Mike Breeding, Vetra Evans-Gunter, Douglas Thompson, Leroy Mann, Jeremy Jeanne, and Dr. Amelia Hodges. Thomas Neubauer, Executive Director, Laura Makransky, Deputy Attorney General, and DIAA staff Tina Bates was also in attendance. Dr. Bradley Bley and Gary Cimaglia were unable to attend.

New Board member from Kent County Public Bruce Harris was introduced.

C. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Cilento made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hart and carried unanimously, 15 – yes (Waterman, Donovan, Williams, Edney, Laws, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Breeding, Holodick, Evans-Gunter, Thompson, Jeanne, and Harris) and 0 – no.

D. Approval of Minutes of DIAA April 13, 2017 Board Meeting

Mr. Jeanne made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2017 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Evans-Gunter and carried unanimously, 15 – yes (Waterman, Donovan, Williams, Edney, Laws, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Breeding, Holodick, Evans-Gunter, Thompson, Jeanne, and Harris) and 0 – no.

E. DIAA Financial Report

Mr. Neubauer reported that to date the revenue received is \$731,805 and the expenses to date are \$724,113 with a net balance of \$7,691.88 which is typical for this time of year. Mr. Neubauer reported that he is working on some balance issues with the business office and will report back at the next meeting. Mr. Hart made a motion to approve the financial report. The motion was seconded by Dr. Donovan and carried unanimously, 15 – yes (Waterman, Donovan, Williams, Edney, Laws, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Breeding, Holodick, Evans-Gunter, Thompson, Jeanne, and Harris) and 0 – no.

II. Public Comment

None.

III. A. Approval of Tournament Sanctions

Mr. Neubauer reported that there were 11 requests for sanctioning. Mr. Neubauer reported that the 11 events included 9 approved, 2 no Delaware schools were participating in. Mr. Neubauer stated that to the best of his knowledge the 9 approved were in compliance with DIAA and NFHS regulations. Mr. Cilento made a motion to approve the 9 sanction events. The motion was seconded by Ms. Williams and carried unanimously, 15 – yes (Waterman, Donovan, Williams, Edney, Laws, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Breeding, Holodick, Evans-Gunter, Thompson, Jeanne, and Harris) and 0 – no.

B. Request by Diamond State Conference

Mr. David Oswinkle, president of the Diamond State Athletic Conference and Mike Ryan, athletic director and football coach at DMA and also a member of the Diamond State Athletic Conference were in attendance to present this request.

Mr. Oswinkle commented that he was asking for clarification as to why the DIAA Football Committee denied their request for an automatic qualifier for the Division Two football state tournament. Mr. Oswinkle explained that the Diamond State Athletic Conference believed they met all the criteria and that all other sports have approved their request.

Dr. Fitzgerald made a motion to refer the request made by the Diamond State Athletic Conference back to the Football Committee with the charge that the Executive Director to explain to the Football Committee the questions the Diamond State Athletic Conference have regarding their decision to deny the request made by the Diamond State Athletic Conference and report back to the DIAA Board by the end of June with a verbal or written position instead of minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jeanne and carried by a vote of 16 – yes (Waterman, Donovan, Williams, Edney, Laws, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Fitzgerald, Breeding, Holodick, Evans-Gunter, Thompson, Jeanne, and Harris)) and 0 – no.

C. Approval of DIAA Board Meeting Calendar for SY 2017-18

Mr. Neubauer presented the DIAA Board Meeting Calendar and stated that he did not see any conflicts and asked the Board if they had any conflicts. Mr. Jeanne made a motion to approve the DIAA Board Meeting Calendar for the school year 2017-18. The motion was seconded by Dr. Edney and carried

unanimously by a vote of 15 – yes (Waterman, Donovan, Williams, Edney, Laws, Layfield, Cilento, Hart, Fitzgerald, Breeding, Holodick, Evans-Gunter, Thompson, Jeanne, and Harris) and 0 – no.

#### D. DESMAC Proposals for Adopted Policies

Mr. Neubauer presented a request made by the DIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee to adopt policies for all DIAA member schools to follow with regards to an Emergency Action Plan and the of all sports medicine personnel. Mr. Neubauer commented that Dr. Bley is on the Sports Medicine Committee but is not in attendance. Mr. Laws made a motion to table the proposals until June or until Dr. Bley is available. The motion was seconded by Mr. Breeding and carried unanimously by a vote of 16 – yes (Waterman, Donovan, Williams, Edney, Laws, Layfield, Cilento, Hart, Fitzgerald, Breeding, Holodick, Evans-Gunter, Thompson, Mann, Jeanne, and Harris) and 0 no.

### IV Board Discussion Items

#### A. Rules and Regulations Committee Update

Mr. Neubauer reported that the Rules and Regulations Committee changes were posted for public comment. Mr. Neubauer commented that there was public comment received and will be voted on next week.

Mr. Neubauer reported that the legislative changes go to the full house today for vote.

Ms. Makransky reported that provided that if the State Board of Education approves the changes they will go into effect on June 11, 2017. Ms. Makransky was suggesting a change in the word impair to discourage to subsection 2.4.1 of the changes that were published. Mr. Laws made a motion to change the word impair to discourage. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fitzgerald and carried by a vote of 16 yes (Waterman, Donovan, Williams, Edney, Laws, Layfield, Cilento, Hart, Fitzgerald, Breeding, Holodick, Evans-Gunter, Thompson, Mann, Jeanne, and Harris) and 0 no.

#### B. Realignment Committee Update

Ms. Taylor gave a presentation on the work that the Realignment Committee has done. Ms. Taylor reported on how the Committee started and explained that the goal of the Committee was to provide fair competition for all schools and to improve the scheduling process.

The Board discussed moving forward with a pilot program of the realignment

and would need to bring this back next month as an action item. Ms. Makransky commented that she was going to look into what action the Board can take.

C. Waiver Request Form

Ms. Taylor explained that she is working on updating the DIAA Waiver Request Form and is reviewing the PIAA's Waiver Form. Ms. Taylor asked that the Board members review the waiver form from PIAA and give her feedback.

D. Other Items

Ms. Taylor reported on the Harry Roberts Senior Scholar Athlete Award and said that there were 11 male applications and 18 female applications. Ms. Taylor reported that the female winners were Tyanna Handy from Laurel High School, Kendall Adkins from The Charter School of Wilmington, and Margaret Ford from Indian River High School. Ms. Taylor reported that the male winners were Chris Ludman from St. Mark's High School, Ryan Friedman from Sanford School, and Andrew Evan from Sussex Central High School.

Mr. Hart asked the Board where the Out-of-Season Coaching rule stands.

Mr. Jeanne asked if DIAA could look into making it mandatory for coaches to be certified. Mr. Neubauer responded and said his concern is who is responsible for the cost and wondered if a certification could be created that was cost free. Mr. Neubauer suggested that the DAAD grant be moved to a coaches education grant.

Mr. Hart reported on the presentation that Mr. Thomson and Mr. Schultz made to the Chief School Officers regarding increasing the salary for all athletic directors.

V. Legal Report

Ms. Makransky reported on the comments received in response to the published changes to Regulation 1009.

Ms. Makransky provided an update on hiring an investigator for the investigation involving the February 16, 2017 A. I. DuPont High School and Delaware Military Academy boys' basketball game..

Ms. Makransky reported on House Bill 98 involving Choice to Choice and said that the house education committee voted in favor of releasing the bill,

the bill was placed on the ready list, and an amendment was introduced and placed with the bill to correct a typo.

VI. Executive Director Report

Mr. Neubauer welcomed new Board member Bruce Harris.

VII Other

VIII. Public Comment

None.

IX Adjournment

Mr. Laws made a motion to adjourn at 1:20 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cilento and carried unanimously, 17 – yes (Waterman, Donovan, Williams, Edney, Laws, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Fitzgerald, Breeding, Holodick, Evans-Gunter, Thompson, Mann, Jeanne, and Harris) and 0 no.

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Tina Bates